

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 73

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Relative to the CHP Officer Robert J. Quirk Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 3, Logue. The CHP Officer Robert J. Quirk Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 5, in the County of Tehama, as the CHP Officer Robert J. Quirk Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Robert James Quirk was born on January 24, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois, and was the beloved and youngest child of Michael Quirk and Anna Lahic; and

WHEREAS, Officer Quirk enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1942 and completed Naval Aviator Training; and

WHEREAS, Officer Quirk was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and saw action on the Philippine Islands while serving as a squadron commander of B-24 bombers and flew multiple bombing raids during the battle of Kwajalein; and

WHEREAS, Officer Quirk was recognized for his many achievements and, in 1947, was honorably discharged from the Navy; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, Officer Quirk moved to San Diego, California, and began working at Consolidated Aircraft Company; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, Officer Quirk was hired by the CHP and assigned to the Compton CHP Office where he worked from 1955 until 1963; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Officer Quirk was transferred to the Red Bluff CHP Office where he served until his untimely death in 1971; and

WHEREAS, On April 11, 1971, after being involved in a foot pursuit, during which time he singlehandedly caught three suspects, Officer Quirk suffered a fatal heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Officer Quirk's death was a direct result of his honorable service to the people of the State of California, but was not recognized as such for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Quirk left a wife, Patricia, and five children, Michael, Sheila, Dan, Phil, and Ken, to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps is his son, Sergeant Ken Quirk of the Storey County Nevada Sheriff's Department, who demonstrates the highest standards of law enforcement while carrying his father's handcuffs and wearing his father's brass belt buckle; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Officer Quirk's service and sacrifice, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 5, in the County of Tehama, as the CHP Officer Robert J. Quirk Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates a portion of State Highway Route 5, from the Sunset Hills Drive overcrossing at milepost 38.716 to the Nine Mile Hill overcrossing at milepost 36.371, in the County of Tehama, as the CHP Officer Robert J. Quirk Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.